

FYI Forest Grove...

Starting February 8, 2021

Ride Connection is expanding its free transportation service options for Forest Grove!

For more details on services listed below visit rideconnection.org/washcoexpansion

Grove Link is a free weekday shuttle in Forest Grove expanding into Cornelius on Saturday. Including stops at Fred Meyer and Walmart!

West link is a free weekday shuttle open to all members of the public that connects the four communities of Forest Grove, Banks, North Plains, and Hillsboro. Ride Connection is adding two midday round trips to our schedule. All our vehicles follow CDC protocols for COVID safe practices.

Door to Door service is available to all members of the public in rural Washington County Monday through Saturday. We are expanding its travel radius to include new urban and rural connections for individuals looking for flexible and socially distanced travel options.

Got questions? Give us a call: [503.226.0700](tel:503.226.0700)
TTY: 711

We're Expanding!

More Options to Ride in Washington County

For maps and schedules visit
rideconnection.org/washcoexpansion

A free service to the general public great for:

Shopping
Getting to work
Transportation to recreation
Connecting to Trimet routes



COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

The **Community Enhancement Program (CEP)** is open to non-profit organizations, schools or local government advisory committees interested in undertaking projects to enhance Forest Grove. **Applications will be available March 1, 2021**, and must be completed and returned to City Hall, 1924 Council Street, by 5 pm on April 2, 2021.

Applications and information is online at www.forestgrove-or.gov/CEPGrants. For more information or questions, please call Paul Downey, Administrative Services Director, at 503-992-3200. The program is funded by a \$1.00 per ton charge collected by Metro at the Forest Grove Transfer Station.

PROGRAMA DE MEJORAMIENTO DE LA COMUNIDAD

El **Programa de Mejoramiento de la Comunidad (CEP)** por sus siglas en inglés) está abierto a organizaciones sin fines de lucro, escuelas o comités consultivos de gobiernos locales interesados en emprender proyectos para mejorar a Forest Grove. **Las solicitudes estarán disponibles a partir del 1 de marzo de 2021.** Las solicitudes deben ser llenadas y devueltas al Ayuntamiento, 1924 Council Street, antes de las 5 p.m. del 2 de abril de 2021.

Los formularios y la información están en línea en www.forestgrove-or.gov/CEPGrants. Para más información o preguntas, por favor llame a Paul Downey, Director de Servicios Administrativos, al 503-992-3200. El programa es financiado por medio de un cargo de \$1.00 por tonelada que Metro recaude en la Estación de Transferencia de Forest Grove.

[Ride Connection](#) se complace en anunciar la expansión de sus servicios de traslados gratuitos disponibles para el público en el Condado de Washington. Estas rutas darán un acceso más amplio y frecuente a los residentes del Condado de Washington, especialmente a aquellos que viven en áreas rurales, a destinos de empleo, escuelas, supermercados y otros lugares para ir de compras y a recreaciones.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE

The COVID-19 Essential Services Team coordinates with local food distribution programs and supports the following food distribution centers for Western Washington County residents:

Monday: 2 to 4 PM,
Forest Grove High School, 1401 Nichols Lane

Wed, Fri, Sat: Call between 9 and 12 to make appointment for same day pickup
St. Anthony's Church, 1660 Elm Street

1st Wednesday: 1 to 3 PM
United Methodist Church, 1095 S Beech St, Cornelius

4th Wednesday: 1:30 to 3:30 PM
Centro Cultural, 1095 S Beech St, Cornelius

Thursday: 10:45 to 12:45 PM
Solid Life Food Bank, 1719 Cedar Street

Thursday: 5 to 7 PM
Wapato Valley Church, 212 Front St, Gaston

Friday, 3:00 to 5:45 PM
Neil Armstrong Middle School, 1777 Mountain View Lane

Call **2-1-1** for individual and family assistance for essential needs such as food, medications, shelter, and supplies like clothing, diapers, etc.

Details and updates at preventprotectserve.com or email help@preventprotectserve.com

5th ANNUAL SEED SWAP Dairy Creek Community Food Web

Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021 | 11 am to 2 pm
St. Bede Episcopal Church | 1609 Elm Street
Parking lot behind church

Tool Sharpening \$5.00 | Gardening information
Giveaway table | Raffle

Masks and social distancing required
For more information: dccfoodweb@gmail.com

Backyard Burning Season Opens March 1

and is allowed until June 15
but is open and closed daily by the Department of Environmental Quality based on the air quality conditions of the day. See [Open Burning Information](#) on the City's website under Fire Department for more details and safety steps or call 503.992.3240.

BACKFLOW TESTING

DRINKING WATER PROTECTION

Why we have to protect our drinking water...



As a City of Forest Grove water customer, you expect your drinking water to be safe. The federal Safe Drinking Water Act has jurisdiction over the public health aspects of the drinking water supply and the Oregon Health Authority regulates public water systems in our state requiring the City to have a Backflow Control Program.

Drinking water normally flows in one direction (from the meter to the house), although under certain circumstances it can flow in the opposite direction, or 'backflow'. A backflow incident can happen at any time. All that is needed is a water pressure drop in the public water system main line, most commonly caused by fire fighting, hydrant flushing, flow testing, a water main break, or extreme high usage on the water system. Any connection to a non-potable source not protected could be siphoned back into the public water system, which can pollute or contaminate the water system. Examples include residential fire systems, wells or auxiliary water systems, lawn irrigation systems, boilers, and swimming pools and hot tubs that are hard piped for filling purposes.

Backflow assemblies must be tested at the time of installation, annually (once a year) after installation, after repairs and after relocating or replacement. The City maintains a database containing all the permitted backflow assemblies in Forest Grove. When your device is due to be tested, the Program Specialist will send out a notice and a list of certified local testers. It is then the customer's responsibility to schedule the test and make payment arrangements. Upon completion of the test, the customer will be given a copy and the tester will submit the results to the City. Contact Public Works at 503-992-3258 with questions regarding Backflow Testing.